

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A container comprising:

a body having in greater section a dimension d_1 , wherein the body includes a bottom that exhibits a planar or roughly planar part;

at least one neck that has an internal diameter d_2 ; and

a wall or walls forming the body of the container, the body being made as a single piece and of a flexible plastic which can deform for constant surface area, particularly under the weight of the flowable product contained in the container, when the wall or walls contact a point or bearing surface so as to form, at least locally at this contact, at least one non-planar wall portion, wherein the ratio d_2 to d_1 is between 1:3 and 1:10.

Claim 2 (original): The container of claim 1, wherein the ratio d_2 to d_1 is between 1:4 and 1:10.

Claim 3 (original): The container of claim 1, which has a circular or substantially circular cross section.

Claim 4 (original): The container of claim 3, which has an ovoid or substantially ovoid overall shape.

Claim 5 (original): The container of claim 3, which has a spherical or substantially spherical overall shape.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The container of claim 1, wherein when the wall or walls contact the point or bearing surface, a convexity of the container is at least locally inverted and vice versa.

Claim 7 (original): The container of claim 1, wherein the plastic used to form the wall or walls is a semi-crystalline plastic having a slow rate of crystallization, a glass transition temperature (T_g) of 70°C or higher and a crystallization temperature (T_c) of 140°C.

Claim 8 (original): The container of claim 1, wherein the plastic used to form the wall or walls is PET (polyethylene terephthalate) or PEN (polyethylene naphthalate).

Claim 9 (original): The container of claim 1, wherein the wall or walls forming the body of the container has a thickness of between 30 μm and 100 μm .

Claim 10 (original): The container of claim 9, wherein the wall thickness is between 50 μm and 70 μm .

Claim 11 (original): The container of claim 1, wherein the body and the neck of the container are made as a single piece.

Claim 12 (original): The container of claim 1, wherein, for a working volume of 5 liters, the amount of flexible plastic used to produce the container is about 30 g for resistance to a vertical load of about 65 kg.

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (original): The container of claim 1, wherein the neck is fitted with a closure.

Claim 15 (original): The container of claim 14, wherein the closure comprises a distribution tap which can be operated with one hand.

Claim 16 (original): A combination of the container of claim 1 having a variable capacity and a flowable product of water or a liquid beverage.

Claim 17 (original): The combination of claim 16 wherein the flowable product is carbonated water or a carbonated beverage.

Claim 18 (original): A method for manufacturing the body of the container of claim 1, which comprises stretch-blow molding of a plastic preform to manufacture the body with an area stretch ratio of between 20 and 50.

Claim 19 (original): The method of claim 18, wherein the body is molded from PET (polyethylene terephthalate) or PEN (polyethylene naphthalate) and with a stretch ratio of between 25 and 35.

Claim 20 (original): The method of claim 18, wherein the container is stretch-blow molded at a blowing pressure of between about 8 and 13 bar.

Claim 21 (new): A container comprising:
a body having in greater section a dimension d_1 ;
at least one neck that has an internal diameter d_2 ; and
a wall or walls forming the body of the container, the body being made as a single piece and of a flexible plastic which can deform for constant surface area, particularly under the weight of the flowable product contained in the container, when the wall or walls contact a point or bearing surface so as to form, at least locally at this contact, at least one non-planar wall portion, wherein the ratio d_2 to d_1 is between 1:3 and 1:10, and wherein, for a working volume of 5 liters, the amount of flexible plastic used to produce the container is about 30 g for resistance to a vertical load of about 65 kg.